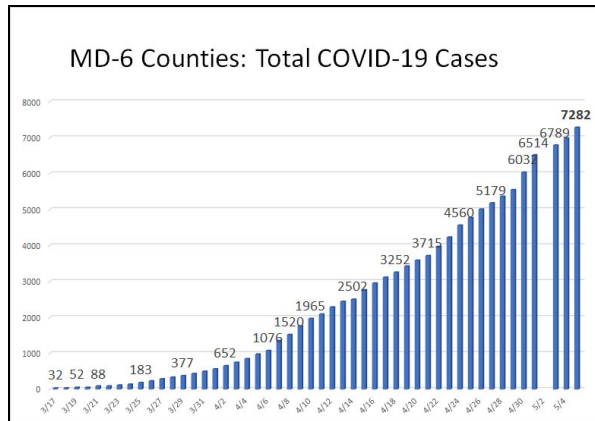
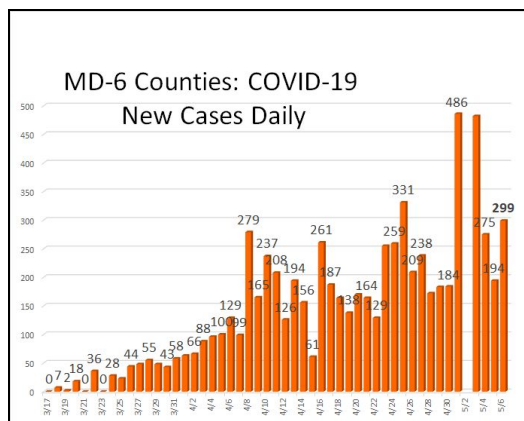
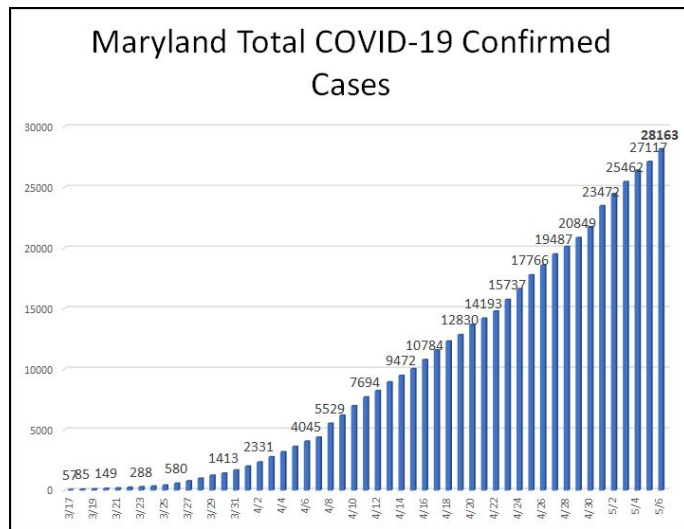
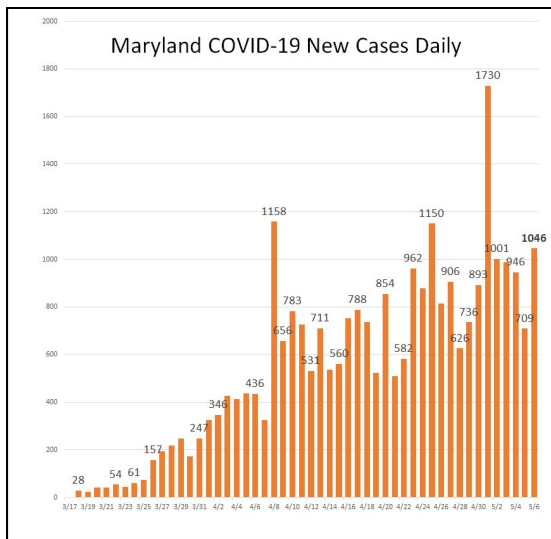
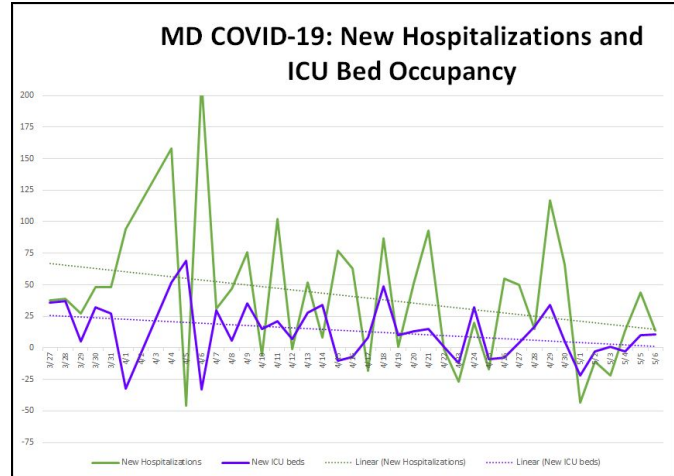
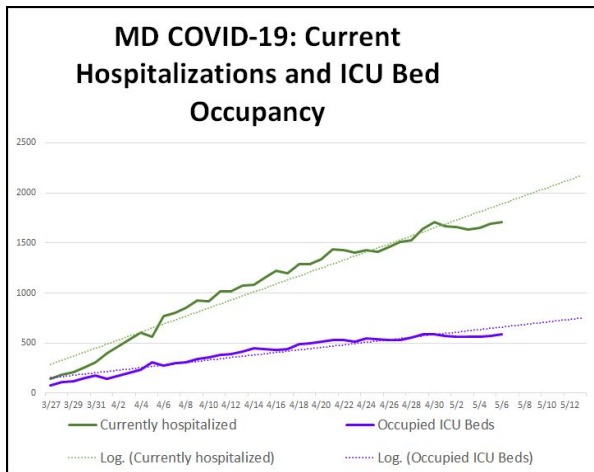


Daily Coronavirus Update: May 6, 5 PM Congressman David Trone (MD6)

Stats @ 5 PM

With increased testing capacity coming online in Maryland, Governor Larry Hogan will track trends in **hospitalizations** and **ICU beds** for indicators on when to initiate plans to reopen the state.



MD6 today: MoCo (5790), Fred.(1,108), Wash.(251), Allegany (129), Garrett (4). MD reports 1,338 total deaths ([MD Dept. of Health](#)).

As of 5 PM today, the United States had recorded 1,219,952 total confirmed cases and 72,617 deaths due to Coronavirus ([JHU](#)).

Federal Updates

- The Supreme Court **declined to lift an executive order from Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf** that mandated the closure of all nonessential businesses as part of the state's efforts to curb the spread of the coronavirus. As reported by [CBS News](#), a group of businesses and other entities had asked the high court last week to block enforcement of Wolf's executive order, arguing that it was unconstitutional. Previously, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court had rejected the challenge. There were no dissenting votes.
- The President today indicated the White House coronavirus task force would not "wind down" as the Vice President had said it would yesterday. Instead, as reported by [NPR](#), the President said the task force would continue "indefinitely" and made clear its focus would be on "opening the country."
- WASHINGTON (AP) — As Europe and the U.S. loosen their coronavirus lockdowns, health experts are expressing growing dread over what they say is an all-but-certain second wave of deaths and infections that could force governments to clamp back down. "We're risking a backslide that will be intolerable," said Dr. Ian Lipkin of Columbia University's Center for Infection and Immunity. Around the world, German authorities began drawing up plans in case of a resurgence of the virus. Experts in Italy urged intensified efforts to identify new victims and trace their contacts. And France, which hasn't yet eased its lockdown, has already worked up a "reconfinement plan" in the event of a new wave. ([Associated Press](#))

Maryland Updates

- Governor Larry Hogan today announced the resumption of elective medical procedures and the broadening of permitted outdoor activities under the state's Stay at Home Order to include small group sports such as golf and tennis, recreational hunting and fishing, recreational boating, and visiting cemeteries. These actions are effective tomorrow, May 7 @ 7 AM. For details, see:
 - [The governor's amended Stay at Home order.](#)
 - [Guidance for outdoor activities.](#)
 - [Guidance for reopening golf courses.](#)
 - [Guidance for reopening marinas.](#)

Also announced today was the decision NOT to reopen public schools through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. State Superintendent Dr. Karen Salmon said that online and distance learning opportunities will continue, and the department will release '[Maryland Together: Recovery Plan for Education](#),' a comprehensive plan for long-term recovery. At this point, the education department does not envision that the reopening of schools would be included in Stage One of the governor's plan to reopen the state. However, different methods of returning to school could be included in both Stage Two and Three.

District Updates

- Montgomery County
 - a. As of Wednesday morning, the Maryland Department of Health reports 5,790 cases of COVID-19 in Montgomery County, which is an increase of 249 cases from the 5,541 reported Tuesday. The health department reports that 304 county residents have died from COVID-19 in Montgomery County. This is an increase of 12 deaths since Tuesday. The number of probable deaths is 29. There are 1,512 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in residents and staff of senior living facilities and 217 deaths in the county.

- Frederick County
 - a. Nearly all of Frederick County's deaths from COVID-19 were residents at long-term care facilities. As of 10 a.m. Wednesday, 54 residents at long-term care facilities in the county have died from the disease caused by SARS-CoV-2, according to the Maryland Department of Health. The Maryland Department of Health started releasing nursing home data last week at the urging of Gov. Larry Hogan. Nursing home statistics are updated once a week on Wednesdays. There are now 236 cases of residents and 161 cases of staff members at long-term care facilities across the county. Ballenger Center, owned by Genesis, has the most cases and deaths of the 12 long-term care facilities reporting cases.
 - b. Frederick Health Hospital offers testing for COVID-19 via curbside service. To qualify for testing, patients must meet the following criteria (using CDC guidelines): Experiencing two or more of the following symptoms — fever, cough, sore throat, chills, muscle aches, headache, diarrhea, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, OR the new onset of loss of taste or smell. Note that these criteria exclude patients with no symptoms. Testing available at Frederick Health Toll House, 501 W. Seventh St., Frederick, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Washington County
 - a. In light of the COVID-19 crisis, Washington County Public Schools Superintendent Boyd Michael announced Tuesday three potential graduation plans for high school seniors. The first plan would be a traditional graduation ceremony with students, families and friends. The second is an in-person ceremony with graduates only that would be streamed live. The final plan is a virtual graduation. A decision will be announced to students and families the week of June 1, Michael said in a Facebook post Tuesday. Commencement ceremonies for all nine high schools will be held the week of June 15 through June 19, regardless of which plan is used.
 - b. Washington County has logged two more deaths linked to the COVID-19 pandemic, a county spokeswoman said Tuesday. One was a woman in her 80s and the second was a woman in her 90s, according to Danielle Weaver, spokeswoman for the county's COVID-19 Joint Information Center. She said both had underlying medical conditions, and nine more coronavirus cases have been identified in the county, bringing the total to 246.
 - c. The threat posed by the novel coronavirus will change this year's Washington County Ag Expo and Fair. "It's going to be just a 4-H, FFA event. ... It's going to be about the kids and for the kids, if we can make it happen," Richie Hebb said Tuesday. Hebb, president of the Washington County Fair Board, said the board has been using an online platform to meet every two weeks. Board members discuss the virus, guidance from the University of Maryland Extension Service, Gov. Larry Hogan's executive orders about crowds and social distancing, and what it all means to the annual summer celebration. Hebb said he's also been in touch with the county's parks and recreation department, because the board rents the facility from the county for the event. The Ag Expo and Fair is scheduled for July 18-25.
- Allegany County
 - a. City officials voted Tuesday to approve a \$106,000 Small Business COVID-19 Relief Fund, allowing the application process to move forward for businesses who wish to apply. Cumberland Mayor Ray Morriss and the City Council voted unanimously to begin the program that will assist businesses in the city limits that have been negatively impacted by the coronavirus outbreak. The fund provides 36-month interest-free loans to eligible employers. The loans will include a six-month grace period before the 36-month term for payments commences. The program was approved at Tuesday's regular meeting of the mayor and City Council. The virtual meeting was held on the city's Facebook page, Cumberland City Hall Live Stream, using the Zoom video platform.
 - b. When the farmers market opens on the downtown mall Thursday, vendors and patrons will be required to follow COVID-19 social distancing guidelines. The Cumberland Police Department conferred with the Governor's Office and the Allegany County Health Department as well as reviewing guidance documents distributed by the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

- Garrett County
 - a. The final day of school in Garrett County will be June 11, but when graduation will occur remains up in the air. Garrett County Public Schools announced Tuesday the official last day of school, noting the the Maryland State Department of Education has approved the five-day waiver request that was submitted in April. That permits students to complete the year with 175 days, rather than the normal 180. The final day for seniors will be May 27.